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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are only 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) in operation to cater to the needs of more than 18.53 million handicapped people in the country;

(b) if so, whether the proposal of setting up of 7 more VRCs in the country during the Tenth Plan period has been implemented in toto;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State -wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of VRCs where hostel facilities are available, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure more facilities to handicapped persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) At present there are 20 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres functioning in 19 States of the country.

(b to d) Out of proposed 7 new VRCs, 3 VRCs have been set up at Srinagar, Pondicherry & Una (H.P.). Remaining VRCs are in the process of being set up.

(e) Hostel facilities are available in VRCs at Delhi. Some hostel facilities have been arranged in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Thiruvantapuram, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Jaipur with the help of other State Governments ,Training Institutes and NGOs.

(f) Building for Vocational Rehabilitation Centre at Delhi has been constructed. Three more buildings at Kanpur, Bhubaneshwar and Kolkata conforming to the requirements of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 are under construction.